

Western shore, as the composition for certain lands, in said county, may, for the reason therein stated, be refunded; which was referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Duvall, the petition of Abraham Vanpelt, of Prince-George's county, representing that he is entirely unable to provide for the maintenance of himself, wife and child, and praying for such provision for their support, as may be considered right and proper.

By Mr. Sellman, the petition of Jane Arnold, of Anne-Arundel county, representing, that she and her children are reduced to the most abject state of indigence and poverty, and suffering the greatest privations of the common necessities of life; and praying for such pecuniary aid as may assist her, in their support.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the standing committee on the subject to which they respectively relate.

By Mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, the memorial of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, constables, and others, complaining of the inequality of the fees allowed to sheriffs and constables, for the performance of the same or similar services, and praying redress of said grievance; which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By Mr. Thomas of Cecil, the petition of Thomas Smith, of Cecil county, praying the grant of a pension, in consideration of his military services, as a soldier, during the late war; which was read; and, on motion by Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the commissioners appointed to superintend the school fund for Calvert county, containing a detailed statement of the sums of money paid out of said fund, for the tuition of poor children, transmitted to the general assembly in conformity with the directions of the act in relation to that subject; which was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Donoho asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to establish district courts for the trial of assaults and batteries, and for other purposes.

Mr. M'Mahon, chairman of the select committee to whom was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for founding an university in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of The University of Maryland, reported, that the committee have considered said bill, and are of opinion it ought to pass, with the following amendment. In the third line of the first section, strike out "seven," and insert "nine."

The said bill, with the proposed amendment, was then read the first, and, by a special order, the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, The house resolved itself into a